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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652:GDA

TAGS: ANET, US, SY

SUBJECT: RADIO AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 4470

1. THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SARG PERMITS THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A LOW POWER HF RADIO STATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY THE EMBASSY OF SYRIA AND PERMITS THE U.S. TO OPERATE SIMILAR FACILITIES IN OUR EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC MESSAGES. EACH STATION OPERATES ACCORDING TO TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY EACH COUNTRY; SPECIFICALLY THE ITU RADIO REGULATIONS.

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2. EMBASSY RADIO STATIONS ARE LIMITED IN POWER TO 1KW AND TRANSMISSION IS TO A SINGLE GEOGRAPHICAL POINT OUTSIDE THE HOST COUNTRY. THIS AGREEMENT IS BASED UPON RECIPROCAL RIGHTS, AND WAS CONCLUDED NOVEMBER 13, 1974.

3. THE AGREEMENT CITED ABOVE DOES NOT PERMIT THE OPERATION OF MOBILE VOICE RADIO NETWORKS IN THE U.S. BY THE SARG.

EXISTING U.S. LAW (COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED)
DOES NOT PERMIT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR REPRESENTATIVE
THEREOF TO OPERATE SUCH RADIO FACILITIES IN THE U.S. IN

VIEW OF THIS RESTRICTION, SARG MAY QUESTION OPERATION OF
OUR EMBASSY RADIO NET, AND COULD ASK US TO CEASE OPERATION.

4. REPLY NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD
COMPLY WITH REQUEST, LISTING BOTH THE DTS HF RADIO STATION
AND THE VOICE RADIO NETWORK OPERATED OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY
COMPOUND INCLUDING APPROPRIATE FREQUENCIES. YOU SHOULD
ADD IN NOTE RATIONALE THAT OUR LATTER SYSTEM IS FOR LIMITED
PURPOSES AND FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY REASONS, IS IMPORTANT TO
MONITOR THE AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL AND ALSO SERVES TO SUP-
PLEMENT THE TELEPHONES, OR SERVE EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO DO
NOT HAVE TELEPHONES.

5. SHOULD SARG QUESTION FREQUENCIES NOW USED, YOU SHOULD,
IF POSSIBLE, ARRANGE TO PROTECT PRESENT FREQUENCIES NOW
ASSIGNED BOTH OPERATIONS.

6. FYI-SYRIAN EMBASSY HERE DOES NOT OPERATE ANY MOBILE
RADIO NETS, BUT DOES HAVE IN OPERATION AN EMBASSY HF RADIO
STATION, WITH PARIS AS POINT OF CONTACT OUTSIDE U.S. TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE SYRIAN EMBASSY HAS NOT ASKED FOR PERMISSION
TO OPERATE ANY MOBILE RADIO EQUIPMENT. END FYI.
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7. POST SHOULD TREAT REQUEST IN NORMAL MANNER, FURNISHING
COPIES OF ALL NOTES EXCHANGED TO DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION:
A/OC-N AND NEA/ARN. SUGGEST COPY OF REPLY NOTE ALSO BE
SENT TO MFA.

8. PLEASE ADVISE IF FURTHER GUIDANCE NEEDED OR ANY PROBLEMS
ARISE. VANCE

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